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STANDING COMMITTEES:

Obituaries—D. C. Johnson, S. F. Jackson, D. R. Ennis.

Temperance—W. R. Coats, W. P. Williford, W. R. Glover.

Education—C. J. Thomas, J. H. Britt, W. B. Godwin.

Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren, R. McLeod, G. N. Waters, W. H. Barnes.

Executive—W. R. Coats, W. A. Jackson, W. H. Lucas.

Mission Board—J. C. Williford, C. J. Thomas.

Ordaining Council—W. R. Coats, D. R. Ennis, D. C. Johnson.

Apportionment Committee—W. A. Jackson, W. H. Martin, Warren Jackson, C. J. Thomas, W. H. Barnes.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES:

Coats, W. R.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Ennis, D. R.	Duke, N. C.
Ellis, J. S.	Wilson Mills, N. C.
Futrell, E. C.	Goldsboro, N. C.
Faircloth, H. R.	LaGrange, N. C.
Glover, W. R.	Dunn, N. C.
Johnson, D. C.	Smithfield, N. C.
McKay, E. J.	Dunn, N. C.
Moore, J. W.	Princeton, N. C.
Thomas, R. D.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Wallace, J. R.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Westbrook, Ezekiel	Newton Grove, N. C.
Lucas, J. W.	Duke, N. C.
Whittenton, J. G.	Coats, N. C.

LICENTIATES:

L. R. Ennis, Duke, N. C.
H. R. Lancaster.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Introductory Sermon.

2—Enrollment of Standing Committees.

3—Enrollment of Ordained Ministers.

4—Enrollment of Licentiates.

5—Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.

6—Organization.

7—Appointment of Temporary Committees.

8—Petitionary Letters.

9—Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Members.

10—Reports from Churches.

11—Reports from Standing Committees.

12—Resolutions.

13—Reports from Temporary Committees.

14—Petition for next session of Conference.

15—Miscellaneous Business.

16—Vote Taken for the sitting of the next session.

17—Election of Officers.

18—Election of delegates to other Conferences.

19—Arrangements of Introductory at next session.

20—Vote of thanks.

21—Adjournment.

POWHATAN CHURCH

October 31, 1919.

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Original Free Will Baptist Conference, convened with the above named church on date mentioned.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. C. Griffin, Text: 1st Chron. 23-14—Moses, the Son of God.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY.

Conference assembled at 2:00 p. m. Introductory remarks by the Moderator.

ENROLLMENT—OFFICERS

B. P. Parks, Moderator; R. M. Parker, Treasurer; W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries—D. C. Johnson, D. R. Ennis.

Education—J. F. Casey.

Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, G. N. Waters, W. H. Barnes.

Executive Committee—W. A. Jackson, W. H. Lucas.

Mission Board—C. J. Thomas.

Apportionment Committee of Finances—W. H. Barnes, W. H. Martin, Warren Jackson, C. J. Thomas.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. R. Ennis, J. S. Ellis, H. R. Faircloth, W. R. Glover, D. C. Johnson, R. D. Thomas, Ezekiel Westbrook.

LICENTIATES.

J. G. Whittenton.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Bethel—E. M. Temple.
Corrinth—W. H. Lambert, G. L. Tew, D. R. Lee.
Casey's Chapel—Mrs. Myrtie Parks, D. H. Williams, I. Grant.
Daly's Chapel—Samuel Carlisle.
Goldsboro—L. C. Davis, L. H. Waters, Owen Ham.
Hopewell—J. F. Davis.
Johnson Union—J. S. Davis, W. S. Lancaster, H. H. Underwood.
Lee's Chapel—W. B. Godwin, J. C. Williford, W. N. Godwin.
Oak Grove—Avery Lee.
Powhatan—N. C. Smith, J. A. Corbett, N. J. Williams.
Prospect—J. B. Parker, Luther Ryals, Mrs. J. B. Parker.
Pleasant Grove—W. H. Lucas, Willie Norris.
Robert's Grove—M. F. Jackson, Warren Jackson.
Shady Grove—A. T. Hinson.
St. Paul—B. J. Daughtry, M. A. Warrick.
St. Mary's Grove—D. I. Johnson, Harvey Holmes, R. A. Coats.
St. John—M. D. Daly, Miss Ina Moye.
Union Spring—W. A. Gregory, A. B. Norris, R. J. Pleasant.
Rock Ridge—J. E. Dorman, J. M. Roberts, Ellen Dorman.
LaGrange—Mrs. Florence Anderson.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Religious Exercises—H. R. Faircloth, N. C. Smith, J. A. Corbett, N. A. Williams.

Recording Text—Mrs. W. H. Barnes.

Finance—R. A. Coats, M. D. Daly, I. Grant.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES TO FILL VACANCIES.

On Education—C. J. Thomas, in J. F. Casey's place; W. B. Godwin, in J. F. Davis' place, Mr. Davis having resigned.

Mission Board—J. C. Williford, in J. F. Casey's place.

Apportionment of Finances—W. A. Jackson, in J. F. Casey's place.

ELECTION OF ORDAINING COUNCIL.

D. R. Ennis, in J. F. Hill's place; D. C. Johnson, in J. F. Casey's place.

The hand of fellowship is extended Rev. J. C. Griffin, M. C. Prescott, Lloyd Vernon, A. H. Outlaw, L. H. Wethering, of the Eastern Conference; W. B. Nobles, Central Conference Delegate; Ernest Poston, South Carolina Conference; Rev. Lloyd Vernon is also received as Delegate from Eastern Conference.

Rev. M. C. Prescott was granted the floor and in a very interesting manner, presented the Orphanage situation, urging that the churches make Thanksgiving Day a great rally day in the collection for the Orphanage.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGION.

To preach 3 p. m.—Rev. A. H. Outlaw; Tonight at 7:30, Rev. M. C. Prescott.

Tomorrow at 11 a. m.—Rev. L. H. Wethering.

Tomorrow night at 7:30—Rev. D. C. Johnson.

Sunday 11 a. m.—Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

On motion a committee was appointed to investigate the existing condition of Goldsboro church. The following are appointed, viz: W. A. Jackson, D. R. Ennis, W. H. Lucas, D. C. Johnson, H. R. Faircloth.

On motion conference adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a. m.

Benediction by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

SECOND DAY—NOVEMBER 1ST.

Conference reassembled at 9:10 a. m.
Roll called.
Minutes read and approved.
Enrollment.

MINISTER.

J. R. Wallace.

LICENTIATE.

H. R. Lancaster.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Hopewell—I. O. Stephenson.
Bethel—Louis Johnson.
Riverside—M. C. Williford, J. M. Martin.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We the committee appointed to investigate the trouble at Goldsboro church beg to submit the following report:

After hearing the complaint of both sides, we are of the opinion that it is a matter to be settled by individuals and not a case for the conference.

We also find that an agreement of a settlement had been reached by the church and Rev. Parks, it is therefore the opinion of the committee that the matter should not be dealt with any further, and do hereby recommend the same.

D. C. JOHNSON,
D. R. ENNIS,
W. A. JACKSON,
Committee.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Eld. J. C. Griffin, of Eastern Conference, requests a representative from the Cape Fear Conference to their next Conference.

On motion the Treasurer will be required to deposit all conference funds in some reliable bank to the credit of the Cape Fear Conference.

One hour is given for dinner.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

Conference reassembled at 1:15 p. m.

Prayer by Eld. D. R. Ennis.

Reports from the various churches are received and read before the body. (see statistical table).

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Obituaries make report. (see report).

Education Committee make report. (see report).

Mission Report. (see report).

Ordain Council. (see report).

Ministerial Report. (see report).

Finance Committee make report. (see report).

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. D. R. Ennis makes a request for help for Rock Ridge and afterwards a free will offering was made and ($39.00) thirty nine dollars was raised for this church and turned over to Rev. Ennis.

By vote the next Annual Session of Conference will convene with Johnston Union church, Johnston County.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Old officers are elected by acclamation.

Appointment of Delegates to other conferences:

Central—D. R. Ennis.

Eastern—H. R. Faircloth.

Western—Ezekiel Westbrook.

On motion Bro. W. A. Jackson be elected to represent the Cape Fear Conference at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage next week, Nov. 5th.

On motion the Secretary have new letterheads printed. Secretary is also to have Minutes printed as heretofore, and draw on treasury for expense of same, and $10.00 for his services.

On motion a condensed report of the Union Meeting be placed in the proceedings of this conference.

On motion Conference closes to meet with the church at Johnston Union on Friday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1920. Benediction by Elder D. R. Ennis.

B. P. PARKS, Moderator.

W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

TEXTS PREACHED FROM DURING CONFERENCE.

Oct. 31, 7:30 p. m—J. C. Griffin—Second Peter 1-5-6-7.
Nov. 1, 11 a. m.—J. C. Griffin—1st Chron. 23-14.
Nov. 1, 2:30 p. m.—A. H. Outlaw—Luke 22-39.
Nov. 1, 7:30 p. m.—M. C. Prescott—Matthew 25-21.
Nov. 2, 11 a. m.—L. H. Wetherington—St. John 9-4.
Nov. 2, 2:30 p. m.—Lloyd Vernon—Acts 1-2.
Nov. 2, 7:30 p. m.—D. C. Johnson—Romans 6-9.
Nov. 3, 11 a. m.—Lloyd Vernon—Proverbs 6-9.

OBITUARY OF ELD. J. F. HILL.

Eld. J. F. Hill, of Wayne County, was born in 1847, died Dec. 8, 1918. Eld. Hill was a man of unusual ability. He was very prominent in his county. He was a man that provided well for his household. He tried to make those that resided with him enjoy the natural blessing of life, and especially did he teach them to enjoy the spiritual blessing that God would bestow upon them. He connected himself with the Free Will Baptist church at a very early age, and lived a faithful member until death. He was an ordained minister for more than forty years, and faithfully proclaimed the word. For many years he was a member of the Ordaining Council of the Cape Fear Conference.

The writer was at his bedside just three days before his death. He realized that the end was near at hand, yet with calmness he expressed his readiness to meet the Master, that he had labored for so long.

In his death the conference has lost one of its old land marks, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

D. C. JOHNSON,
R. R. ENNIS,
S. F. JACKSON.

J. F. CASEY.

J. F. Casey was born in 1872, died Dec. 31, 1918. Eld. Casey also joined the Free Will Baptist church at a very early age and soon began to take active part

in church work at the age of 34 years. He began to preach the gospel and for twelve years fought manfully for the faith and Doctrine of Jesus as he saw it, serving many churches and doing much Mission Work, Under his preaching many professed the name of Jesus. He was very prominent in the conference, serving on several committees and was also a member of the Ordaining Council for several years. He was a man that believed that "whatsoever you do, do with all your might." It was through his efforts that much of the work of the conference and union meeting has been moving by leaps and bounds for the last few years.

May the Lord give us more laborers in the vineyard.

By Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LABOR.

We, the Committee on Ministerial Labor, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are glad to report that all of our ministers, who are physically able, have done good work during the past year.

Rev. R. D. Thomas has failed to make any report to this committee otherwise. We know of nothing detrimental to his ministerial work.

We ask all of our ministers to frequently present the request of the conference to their churches.

By Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, the Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Lord in His wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst three of our faithful ministers, viz: Elds. J. F. Hill, J. F. Casey and J. M. Wilson, since our last conference. (see obituaries).

By Committee.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report:

1. We heartily indorse the Fifty Thousand Dollar Bond Issue asked for by the Ayden Seminary.
2. We ask that we help as much as possible to raise said amount.
3. We recommend that 50 per cent of our Educational Fund be sent direct to the School at Ayden, and 50 per cent be used as a Ministerial Fund for the Conference in helping to educate those that are trying to secure an education.
4. We also insist that our young ministers avail themselves of every opportunity possible for an education.

By Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report of Finance Committee and Treasurer:

Brought forward from last Conference	$ 42.50
Received at this Conference	553.96
Fines collected	9.15
Total on hand	$605.61

R. M. PARKER, Treasurer.
R. A. COATS,
I. GRANT,
M. D. DALY,
Committee.

We, the Apportionment Committee, beg to submit the following report:

We ask that the following disposition be made of all Conference Funds on hand:

For Orphanage	40 per cent
Education	15 per cent
Home Mission	12 1-2 per cent
Printing Company	12 1-2 per cent
Miscellaneous	20 per cent

Respectfull submitted,

W. H. BARNES,
WARREN JACKSON,
W. A. JACKSON,
Committee.

We, the Ordaining Council, have this day examined Brother J. G. Whittenton and J. W. Lucas on the doctrine of salvation and practice of the Free Will Baptist church and find them orthodox in the faith and set them apart to the full work of the ministry by the laying on of hands and prayer, and ask that their names be enrolled as Ordained Ministers.

D. C. JOHNSON,
D. R. ENNIS,
W. R. GLOVER,
Committee.

Churches and Counties.	Conference Funds.	Paid to Pastor	Assistant Pastorial Service.	Miscellaneous Fund.	Value of Church Property.	Received.	Baptised.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increased.	Decreased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Bethel, Johnston	$ 26.00	$141.00	$ 50.00	$ 5.00	$1,000.00	10	3	1		2	7		61	85	146
Corinth, Sampson	11.96	216.00	13.00	28.70	1,000.00	4	3				4		27	37	64
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	25.00	210.50	10.00	178.70	2,000.00	13	1		4	2	7		38	52	90
Daly's Chapel, Lenior	68.00	131.46		35.00	1,100.00	11	9			2	9		19	61	80
Goldsboro, Wayne	60.00	300.00	18.00	431.25	3,000.00	12	7	4		3		5	23	74	97
Hopewell, Johnston	52.25	347.50	15.00		1,000.00	4	2		1	1	2		45	68	113
LaGrange, Lenoir	8.00	137.50	25.00	255.00	3,000.00				1			1	15	32	47
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	37.21	220.00	60.00		1,500.00	3	2				3		70	87	157
Oak Grove, Sampson	28.56	200.00	30.00		1,200.00	9			1		8		22	68	90
Powhatan, Johnston	26.50	323.12	80.50		1,000.00	10	8	1	1	2	6		54	67	121
Pleasant Grove, Harnett	9.00	100.00		30.00	1,000.00	1					1	1	30	42	72
Robert's Grove, Sampson	20.50	186.56			1,500.00					1		1	20	43	63
Riverside, Wayne	10.00	68.00	40.90		1,000.00	20	13	1			19		25	47	72
Rock Ridge, Harnett	4.00	100.00	5.00		2,000.00	6	6	6					18	23	41
Shady Grove, Sampson	105.00	400.00	85.00	337.70	2,000.00	7	6	3	5	4	5	5	124	262	386
St. Paul, Sampson	6.00	100.00	35.00	150.00	1,500.00	10	10			1	9		43	65	108
St. Mary, Johnston	25.00	52.00			600.00	6	6			1	5		26	39	65
St. John, Wayne	10.00	125.00	32.00	8.00	1,000.00	8	5			1	7		25	38	63
Prospect, Harnett	5.00	44.50	37.00	40.00	800.00								20	30	50
Union Springs, Johnston	9.50	50.00	2.80		500.00	2	2	4	1	1		4	9	17	26
Johnson Union, Johnston	3.00	300.00		165.77	1,000.00	13	7				13		37	59	96

Church.	Clerk.	Postoffice Address.	Pastor for 1919.
Bethel	Joe Moore	Four Oaks	D. C. Johnson
Bizzel's Grove	G. E. Edwards	Mount Olive	
Corinth	N. C. Strickland	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
Casey's Chapel	Benjamin Casey	Goldsboro	W. R. Coats
Daly's Chapel	J. S. Wade	LaGrange	H. R. Faircloth
Goldsboro	L. C. Davis	Goldsboro	E. Poston
Hopewell	Mallie Johnson	Smithfield	H. R. Faircloth
Johnson Union	John S. Davis	Wilson Mills	H. R. Faircloth
Lee's Chapel	W. B. Godwin	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
Oak Grove	Westbrook Lee, Sr.	Newton Grove	L. H. Wetherington
Powhatan	N. C. Smith	Clayton	H. R. Faircloth
Prospect	R. McLeod	Duke	J. R. Wallace
Pleasant Grove	W. J. West	Duke	D. C. Johnson
Riverside	W. H. Martin	Princeton	E. Westbrook
Robert's Grove	S. F. Jackson	Cooper	L. H. Wetherington
Shady Grove	W. A. Jackson	Cooper	L. H. Wetherington
St. Paul	J. H. Britt	Newton Grove	W. R. Coats
St. Mary's	R. A. Coats	Four Oaks	D. C. Johnson
St. John	George E. Moye	Goldsboro	W. R. Coats
Union Springs	W. A. Gregory	Coats	E. Westbrook
Rock Ridge	J. E. Dorman	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
LaGrange	C. W. Wilson	LaGrange	L. Vernon